

The Divinity of Christ

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One of the most challenging questions asked of anyone is recorded by Mathew. It is, "What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He?" Mathew 22:42. What about His divinity? Was Jesus God? John in his gospel builds an unanswerable argument designed to prove that Jesus of Nazareth is the divine Son of God. And he frankly declares he wrote his book that his readers "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing" they "might have life through his name." John 20:31.

Did Christ exist before coming to this world?

"In the _____ was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was _____. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:1-3). That Word which took part in the creation of the world was Jesus (John 1:14).

Jeremiah called the Messiah "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jeremiah 23:5, 6). The Hebrew Yahweh (Jehovah), "the self-existent One" is here applied to the Messiah. The text shows both His power and divine nature.

Was Jesus divine or was He only a man? How does God the Father refer to Him?

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O _____, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" (Hebrew 1:8, 9).

What did Jesus say about His existence before His birth in human flesh?

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee _____ the world was" (John 17:5).

Note: Take a look at Isaiah 9:6 where the prophet calls Christ the Father. Read John the Baptist's testimony in John 1:15, 30, "He was before me" (though Jesus was born after John). Paul says, "He is before all things." Colossians 1:17. Then there is Christ's own witness in John 8:58 where he says, "Before Abraham was, I am." Read also Exodus 3:14. This name "I am" both in the Hebrew and in the English is a form of the verb "to be" and implies that He is eternal, self-existing One.

Through what power was the incarnation of Jesus made possible?

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the _____ shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

What reason is given in Hebrews why Christ became man?

"Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make _____ for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

How did the Father refer to Jesus?

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well _____" (Mathew 3:17).

How did Jesus demonstrate He had the power of God, that He is the Son of God, and that he is God the Son?

He had power to read human hearts - - (John 2:24, 25).

He had the power to foretell the future - - (John 13:19).

He had creative power - - (John 6:1-20).

He had power to give life - - (John 5:21).

He had infallibility of utterance - - (John 8:46).

He had power to forgive sins - - (Mark 2:1-12).

He had the right to receive worship - - (Mathew 14:33).

He had the power to raise the dead to life (John 5:25).

He had power to transform hearts (John 1:12, 13).

Conclusion

The record of Mathew indicates that Jesus was born of a virgin (Mathew 1:18, 22-25). Paul declares, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:4, 5). He is referred to as "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners" (Hebrews 7:26). Concerning His relationship to the Father Paul says, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). We cannot help but acknowledge, as did the centurion who was watching Jesus when he died, and say, "And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39, last part). He is "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

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